

1. **Call to Order**

LaVon Worley, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Des Moines County Conservation Board to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Des Moines County Conservation Administration Building.

Those Members Present: LaVon Worley, Jim Steer, Cathy Ziglar, Angela Vaughan.

Those Members Absent: Jim Garnjobst

Others Present: Director Chris Lee, Administrative Assistant Breuer,

2. **Additions and Deletions to Agenda:**

- a. None.

3. **Delegations/Public Input:**

- a. None

4. **Approval of Minutes for May 03, 2017 :**

- #35 a. Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Jim Steer to approve the minutes of the May 03, 2017, Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

5. **Approval of Claims for May 2017:**

- #36 a. Motion by Jim Steer, seconded by Cathy Ziglar to approve the claims for May 2017. Motion passed unanimously by those members present.

6. **Acceptance of Donations:**

- a. \$500 from Walmart, used for Earth Day projects.
- b. 800 fishing lures from Loretta B. Mealy, to be used for Youth Jamboree and Hook & Hunt University.

7. **Committee Reports:**

- a. **Shooting Range:** No new items.
- b. **Flint River Trails:** No new items.
- c. **Observatory:** Dr. James Green, Director of the Planetary Science Division at NASA, will be in Burlington for a presentation at Edward Stone Middle School on August 24, 2017. Members from the observatory will be joining the bus trip to see the total eclipse later this year.
- d. **REAP/IWILL:** The new budget presented to the Governor eliminated funding for the Leopold Center in Ames, however Governor Branstad used his line item veto to return the funding.

8. **Project Updates:**

- a. **Big Hollow:** The wastewater system is moving along as planned. There will be a second crew joining soon. We pulled out the alternate for trenching, as the contractor is doing a very good job re-compacting as they go. The West side of the campground is nearly complete. We are adding a second set of sewer drops to the drive through sites. The online reservation system will go live on Monday, June 8, for stays beginning Thursday, August 3, 2017. Reservations can be made 1 year in advance. We are considering two drive-down access points for lake fishing.
- b. **Horse Camp & Trail Improvements:** The Back Country Horsemen of America have had several volunteer work days. They have cleared brush, cleared and applied rock to trails and are looking at laying out a campground.

- c. **CNH Work Day:** 63 CNH employees volunteered for CNH Impact Day. They replaced roofs on the 50yd range & two shelters, repaired and renovated a registration building at the range, cleared brush at several areas including the boat ramp, beach area, pond area entering the campground and boat ramp. There was a wall constructed at the registration shed allowing us to secure half of the building.
 - d. **Alternate Boat Ramp:** On the South side of the lake where 152nd Ave. terminates into the lake, there is potential for an alternate boat ramp to be open during the warmer seasons. There is a parking lot in place that will need some grading prior to opening.
 - e. **Hunt Woods Timber Sale:** We have received the down payment from Pierce Lumber from the sale.
 - f. **River Docks:** If the Mississippi River continues to drop, there is a chance we can begin to clean ramps and docks at Hawkeye Dolbey, Casey Barrow and Sullivan Slough. The river will still be too high for Tama.
9. **Old Business:**
- a. None to report.
10. **New Business:**
- #37 a. **Approval of FY17-18 Employee Handbook:**
Motion by Cathy Ziglar, seconded by Angela Vaughan to approve the changes to the camping rules.
Motion passed unanimously by those members present.
- 11 **Informational Items/Correspondence:**
- a. **25yd Range Comments from Public:** The board reviewed comments we have received from the public regarding the renovation of the 25yd range.
 - b. **IACCB Fall Conference:** Mass transportation was discussed for attending the Fall Conference.
 - c. **Field Tour:** A field tour is scheduled for noon on Tuesday, June 27 to visit the proposed new boat ramp, new drive-down lake access points and overall project updates at Big Hollow.
- 12 **Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.**
Next meeting will be held at the Des Moines County Administration Office at 13700 Washington Road in West Burlington, IA. Meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday July 05, 2017.
The public is welcome.

LaVon Worley, Chair

Cathy Ziglar, Secretary/Treasurer

